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Reflections, &c.

A *Defence*, &c, p. 29. 'This was the Rule in 'all Holy *Enthuſiams*; they ſubmited to be 'Try'd *and Examin'd* by the Rule of the 'Scriptures.

Anſw. A Learned *Foreigner* that Writes againſt *ROBERT BARCLAY* doth acknowledge, '*Se cum 'ſuis Doctrinas, & Mores ſuos libentiſſime Examini 'earum (S. Scripturarum) concedere*, &c. That he, 'with thoſe of his Religion, are willing their Do-'ctrines ſhould be *Try'd* by the Holy Scriptures, 'and to admit as a poſitive, and certain Maxim, 'that whatſoever any do, pretending to be led by 'the Spirit, which is contrary to the Holy Scrip-'tures, ſhould be reputed a Deluſion of the De-'vil.

P. 90. 'He comes, p. 27. to a material Point in-'deed, where it is objected againſt the *Quakers*, That 'they hold the *Light* within Every Man that comes 'into the World, Sufficient to *Salvation*, without 'Something *elſe*, that is, without the *outward Chriſt*, 'to Suffer, *and Dye outwardly* for Us. Which makes 'Chriſt's coming into the World, of no Neceſſity at 'all to our *Salvation*.

I deſire the Candid Reader to take a Review of *G. Whitehead*'s Words: 'The firſt part is not true: 'We are not offended at *G. K*'s Preaching Chriſt, 'or his Suffering, and Dying without us, truly con-

'ſidered. But, 2. at his undervaluing the Light 'within, *as not Sufficient to Salvation*, or not Suffi-'cient without ſomething elſe, ſeeing *G. K.* con-'feſſeth, *That the Light within, in a true ſenſe, is* 'God, *and Chriſt, the Eternal, and Eſſential Word*, 'as in his *Antichriſts, and Sadduces*, p. 23. Surely 'Chriſt within, and Chriſt without, are not two 'Chriſts; Chriſt without, is not another Chriſt, 'than Chriſt within, tho' his being without, and 'within, was in different manners. By the Light 'within, being Sufficient to Salvation, or to bring 'Salvation, we mean, *able to Save*, as the ingrafted 'Word is able to ſave the Soul.

By *truly Conſidered*, I doubt not but *G. W.* means, Conſider'd with a due Regard to the Obligation to *Holineſs*, which Our HOLY ONE has laid upon All Men, and a Power to become *Holy*, which He Offers to All, in the Suffering and Death of Chriſt. The *Outward Chriſt*, which this Author uſes ſo frequently, is a Term moſt Intolerably *Scandalous*; For it ſeems to import that the Same *Perſon*, who is (the *Light of the World*) *The Light within*, is not HE that was *Crucified at Jeruſalem*.

P. 103. 'The *Quakers* expect no Juſtification, 'but only by their own Works, wrought *In* them 'By the Spirit.

Anſw. The Works wrought In us, By the Spirit, are not *Our own Works*, but the *Works of GOD*, and *the Righteouſneſs which is of FAITH.* I do again and again, Requeſt this Learned Man, to Attempt the Refutation of what I have written, againſt *G. Keith*'s moſt impious Saying, that *The Light within is not Sufficient to Salvation without ſomething elſe.*

P. 196. 'By which Logick the *Underſtanding* 'has no more *Light* in it ſelf, than the *Eye*, only a 'Capacity to receive Light *ab Extra*.

Anſw. It is the Nature of the Humane Underſtanding, or *Intellect*, to receive an *Irradiation, or Emanation of Light, from the Fountain of Light, the Sun of Righteouſneſs:* And it has no more *Intelligible Light* in it ſelf, than the *Eye* has of *Corporeal Light*. In my Animadverſions, upon a Book Entituled, *Chriſtianity not Myſterious*, I have theſe Words: 'Every Act of the *Intellect, or Underſtand-* 'ing, ſo far as it is not Deprav'd, or Perverted 'by the *Will*, is nothing elſe but the *Perception of* 'ESSENTIAL REASON in it Self, or in its 'Effects.

P. 199. 'Here is a *Light within*, which God Com- 'mands us not to Follow.

This is a moſt Horrid, and Deteſtable Falſhood, There's no *Light within*, but *Chriſt Himſelf*, or what Comes from Him.

P. 205. 'Our Mind cou'd no more *Reſiſt* it than 'our *Hands*, if our *Mind* had no more *Light* than 'the *Divine*; unleſs you ſuppoſe that the *Divine* 'Light wou'd *Reſiſt it ſelf*.

Anſw. Certainly the *Light* is not Reſiſted by Any *Light*, but only by *Darkneſs:* Every *Sin* is a *Work of Darkneſs*.

P. 227. 'The *Quakers* will not Allow that He is '*Abſent* from us, even as to His *Perſon*, or we from 'Him.

Anſw. Certainly if His *Perſon* be the True, and Eternal GOD, *Chriſt* is not *Abſent* from us, as to *His Perſon*, or we from Him.

P. 227. 'Another *Text* they urge mightily for 'the *Univerſality* of their *Light within*, is *John* 1. 9. 'That was the *true Light, which lighteth Every Man* 'that cometh into the World. This they Underſtand 'of *Faith*, the True, Saving Faith, and to ſuppoſe 'that *Every Man* muſt have it.

Anſw. This is a Groſs Miſtake: By this *Enlightning of Every Man*, they do not Underſtand *Faith*, but a Manifeſtation of the *Object of Faith*.

I ſhall here Recite ſome words of *G. FOX*, concerning Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, The *Light Within*, which import that Truth, which I Hope, I ſhall be ever Ready, by the Help of GOD, to Defend againſt any *Opponent*, or *Opponents* whatſoever.

G. F. Epiſt. 6. 'No Man is *Juſtified*, Acting 'Contrary to that Spirit, that doth Convince 'them.

Epiſt. 51. 'GOD is not ſeen, but in the *Eter*'*nal Light*, from whence all pure *Wiſdom* comes. 'This Treaſure is not ſeen, but with the Spiri'tual Eye; nor received, but with the Pure in 'Heart, and by thoſe who dwell, and abide in the 'Eternal Light.

P. 76. 'To the Light I direct you, that with 'it ye may ſee your ſelves; then in it ſtand, 'that with it ye may ſee *Jeſus*, from whence it 'Comes.

P. 99. 'Every one that comes into the World, 'having a Light from *Chriſt Jeſus*, who is not of 'the World; and being turned to this Light, which 'he is lighted withal, he is turned to *Jeſus Chriſt*, 'from whence it Comes —— Every one with the '*Light*, which comes from Him, ſhall ſee *Chriſt*,

'and

'and ſhall ſee the *Father* through the *Spirit*, that 'Proceeds from the *Father*, and the *Son*; and the '*Glory* that he had with the *Father* before the World 'began.

P. 112. 'Live in the *Wiſdom* of the Lord, that '*Jeſus* Chriſt may be known in the midſt of you, 'as a *Prophet*, *Prieſt*, *and King*. Therefore I ſay, 'Know *Chriſt*, who is the *Subſtance of all the Types*, '*Figures*, *and Shadows*, By whom the World was 'Made.

P. 126. 'Be Faithful unto GOD, in your Meaſure 'of Light, Life and Truth.

P. 175. 'The True Freedom is in the Son, who 'Suffered and Dyed, and is Riſen again.

P. 492. 'Chriſt Suffered in the Fleſh, and Dyed, 'and was Crucified as he was Man, not as he was 'God, the Word, which was in the Beginning; but 'as he was Man, who bore the Sins and Iniquities 'of all Mankind; and was an Offering for the Sins 'of the whole World, who Taſted Death for Every 'Man; All being in Death in *Adam*; ſo that they 'might have Life through Chriſt, the *Second Adam*: 'So I ſay again, that *Chriſt* did not Dye, as he 'was GOD, but as Man: He was Crucified, 'and Buried, and Roſe again the Third Day, 'and Aſcended, and is at the Right Hand of 'GOD.

P. 539. 'The *Stone that Smote the Image*, *became* '*a great Mountain*, *and filled the Earth*, Dan. 2. Is not 'this *Chriſt Jeſus*, who hath all Power in Heaven and 'Earth given to him, that He Filleth the Whole 'Earth with his Divinity, to whom GOD gave the '*Heathen* for an Inheritance? *&c.*

I Beſeech Almighty GOD to give Me Grace to Perſevere in this Reſolution, To Abhor All that I Know to be *Evil*, and to cleave to All that I Know to be *Good*, Whereſoever I Diſcover it.

COME, LORD JESUS.

FINIS.